

## Federal Subsistence Board News Release



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## Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Federal Public Waters Drift Gillnet Fishing Times For the Week of July 2

Federally qualified subsistence users may use drift gillnets for the subsistence harvest of king salmon in Federal public waters in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C from June 10 through July 14. Those wishing to participate in this fishery must obtain and possess a permit. Identification confirming local residency is required to obtain a free permit. Permits and fishing area maps are available from the refuge office in Galena (1-800-656-1231) or 656-1231).

These Federal public waters are within the Innoko and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. **State** waters between Ruby and Galena are closed to the use of drift gillnets. Subsistence fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations or contact an Alaska Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office before subsistence fishing. Fishing with drift gillnets is allowed for king salmon only during the last 18-hours of the weekly regulatory fishing period opening(s) using drift gillnets limited to no more than 150 feet in length and 35 meshes in depth. Mesh size is unrestricted.

The liberalization of the regular subsistence fishing schedule to 5 days per week is effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 2. With one subsistence fishing period the week of July 2, there will only be one drift gillnet opening. The seventh 18-hour drift gillnet opening will occur on Friday, July 7 from 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m. Future Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C fishing times are subject to change depending upon salmon run strength.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8
Regular Subsistence Opens at 6PM	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	12:01AM to 6PM Both Regular and Drift are Open	Subsistence Closed

Both Regular and Drift Fishing Close at 6PM